

A-Engrossed House Bill 2529

Ordered by the House April 7
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative GRAYBER; Representative GAMBA (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Requires schools to meet requirements for AEDs. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.7).

[Digest: Requires schools to have plans for AEDs. (Flesch Readability Score: 100.0).]

Prescribes requirements for *[a cardiac emergency response plan for each school]* **schools related to automated external defibrillators.**

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Education for distribution to school districts and public charter schools to assist in the implementation of the requirements *[of the plan]*.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to policies for the use of automated external defibrillators at schools; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.345; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 339.345 is amended to read:

339.345. *[Each school campus in a school district, private school campus and public charter school campus shall have on the premises at least one automated external defibrillator.]*

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Athletic venue" means any location in a building or on the grounds of any kindergarten through grade 12 public or private school where athletic practices or competitions are held for school-sponsored events or for which students are in attendance.

(b) "Coach" has the meaning given that term in ORS 336.485.

(c) "School" means the buildings and grounds of any kindergarten through grade 12 public or private school, excluding athletic venues.

(2) The governing body for a school shall ensure that:

(a) Automated external defibrillators are located:

(A) At each school at locations that are selected, to the greatest extent practicable, in accordance with guidelines established by a national organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care; and

(B) At each athletic venue.

(b) The automated external defibrillator location is clearly identified and is unlocked and accessible:

(A) For automated external defibrillators located in a school, when students are at the school; and

(B) For automated external defibrillators located at an athletic venue, when students are

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 at the athletic venue for athletic practices or competitions.

2 (c) Automated external defibrillators are tested and maintained as provided by the
3 manufacturer's guidelines.

4 (d) Every coach is trained in the use of automated external defibrillators.

5 (e) The ratio of the number of students to the number of staff members who are trained
6 in the use of automated external defibrillators is the same as the ratio prescribed for staff
7 members who hold a first aid card under ORS 342.664.

8 (3) Training required under subsection (2) of this section must align with guidelines es-
9 tablished by a national organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care and may be
10 provided as part of first aid training required under ORS 342.664.

11 (4) Any school plan for responding to medical emergencies must include:

12 (a) A plan for cardiac emergency responses, including the use of automated external
13 defibrillators, that aligns with core elements established by a national organization focused
14 on emergency cardiovascular care; and

15 (b) Identification of the locations of automated external defibrillators, which must be
16 shared with emergency medical services providers.

17 **SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 339.345 by section 1 of this 2025 Act become
18 operative July 1, 2026.

19 (2) The amendments to ORS 339.345 by section 1 of this 2025 Act first apply to the
20 2026-2027 school year.

21 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
22 ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the
23 General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, which may be distributed to school districts and
24 public charter schools to assist in implementing the provisions of ORS 339.345, as amended
25 by section 1 of this 2025 Act, with priority given to schools with the highest financial needs.

26 **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
28 July 1, 2025.